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National Veterans Golden Age Games Seeks Volunteers

OMAHA, **Neb.** — The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is seeking more than 2,000 volunteers to support the 2015 National Veterans Golden Age Games (NVGAG), being held in Omaha, Neb., Aug. 8 – 12.

Volunteers donating their time and talents are essential to the success of this event. Several thousand opportunities are available to help with everything from sporting events to meal service. Events take place at the CenturyLink Center, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Burke High School, Mockingbird Lanes and Dodge Riverside Park. Opportunities are also available to assist at the Eppley airport and downtown Omaha hotels.

Make sure to look through all of the volunteer positions to find the best fit for your talents. Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian for the duration of the volunteer shift. Visit www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov to sign up as a volunteer.

VA looks forward to the communities' support of the "Patriots on the Plains" in Omaha!

More than 800 athletes are enrolled to compete in the national multi-event sports and recreational competition for senior Veterans. The event encourages participants to make physical activity a central part of their lives, and supports VA's comprehensive recreation and rehabilitation therapy programs. Competitive events include air rifle, badminton, bowling, cycling, dominoes, field, golf, horseshoes, nine ball, shuffleboard, swimming, table tennis and track.

For more information visit <u>www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov</u> and follow VA Adaptive Sports on Twitter at @VAAdaptiveSport or on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/vaadaptivesports</u>.

For additional questions about participating, volunteering, or sponsorship, contact Anna Morelock, 2015 NVGAG Local Coordinator, at 402-995-5748 or email <a href="https://www.vy.gov.nver.edu/vy.gov.nver.edu

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About VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System is a Joint Commission-accredited, level-1b facility, which consists of a tertiary medical center in Omaha, Neb., a medical center with a community living center in Grand Island, a multispecialty clinic in Lincoln, and six clinics located in Holdrege, North Platte, Norfolk, O'Neill and Bellevue, Neb., and Shenandoah, Iowa. VA NWIHCS is part of the VA Midwest Health Care Network (VISN 23), which serves an estimated veteran population of 161,000 in 101 counties in Nebraska, western Iowa, Kansas and Missouri with an estimated 593,000 annual outpatient visits, and an operating budget of \$334 million as of October 2014.





